

- 3.11 Differences in Standards or Specifications. To the extent that there may be differences in any applicable standards or specifications referred to in this Article 3, the most stringent standard or specification shall apply.
- 3.12 Licensee Solely Responsible for the Condition of Its Facilities. Licensee shall be responsible at all times for the condition of its facilities and its compliance with the requirements, specifications, rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws specified above. In this regard, BellSouth shall have no duty to Licensee to inspect or monitor the condition of Licensee's facilities (including but not limited to splices and other facilities connections) located within BellSouth's conduit and ducts or any attachment of Licensee's facilities to BellSouth's poles, anchors, anchor/guy strands or other pole facilities. BellSouth may, however, conduct such inspections and audits of its poles and conduit system as BellSouth determines reasonable or necessary. Such inspection and audits shall be conducted at BellSouth's expense with the exception of (1) follow-up inspection to confirm remedial action after an observed Licensee violation of the requirements of this Agreement; and (2) inspection of Licensee facilities in compliance with a specific mandate of appropriate governmental authority for which inspections the cost shall be borne by Licensee. Either party may audit the other party's compliance with the terms of this Section. Observed safety hazards or imminent facility failure conditions of another party shall be reported to the affected party where such party can be readily identified.
- 3.13 Efficient use of Conduit. BellSouth will install inner-ducts to increase duct space in existing conduit as facilities permit. The full complement of inner-ducts will be installed which can be accommodated under sound engineering principles. The number of inner-ducts which can reasonably be installed will be determined by BellSouth.

4. **ADDITIONAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 Third Party Property Owners. Licenses granted under this Section authorize Licensee to place facilities in, or attach facilities to, poles, conduits and ducts owned or controlled by BellSouth but do not affect the rights of landowners to control terms and conditions of access to their property.

- 4.1.1 Licensee agrees that neither Licensee nor any persons acting on Licensee's behalf, including but not limited to Licensee's employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors, shall engage in any conduct which damages public or private property in the vicinity of BellSouth's poles or conduit system, interferes in any way with the use or enjoyment of public or private property except as expressly permitted by the owner of such property, or creates a hazard or nuisance on such property (including, but not limited to, a hazard or nuisance resulting from any abandonment or failure to remove Licensee's facilities or any construction debris from the property, failure to erect warning signs or barricades as may be necessary to give notice to others of unsafe conditions on the premises while work performed on Licensee's behalf is in progress, or failure to restore the property to a safe condition after such work has been completed).
- 4.2 Required Permits, Certificates and Licenses. Licensee shall be responsible for obtaining any building permits or certificates from governmental authorities necessary to construct, operate, maintain and remove its facilities on public or private property.
- 4.2.1 Licensee shall not attach or place its facilities to or in BellSouth's poles, conduit or duct located on any property for which it or BellSouth has not first obtained all required authorizations.
- 4.2.2 BellSouth shall have the right to request evidence that all appropriate authorizations have been obtained. However, such request shall not delay BellSouth's prelicense survey work.
- 4.3 Lawful Purposes. All facilities placed by Licensee in BellSouth's conduit and ducts or on BellSouth's poles, anchors or anchor/guy strands must serve a lawful purpose and the uses made of Licensee's facilities must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and with all federal, state, and local regulatory rules, regulations, and requirements. In this regard, Licensee shall not utilize any facilities occupying or attached to BellSouth's conduits, ducts or poles for the purpose of providing any services which it is not authorized by law to provide or for the purpose of enabling any other person or entity to provide any such services.
5. **FACILITIES AND LICENSES**
- 5.1 Licenses Required. Before placing any facilities in BellSouth's conduits or ducts or attaching any facilities to BellSouth's poles, anchors or anchor/guy strands, Licensee must first apply for and receive a written license from BellSouth. BellSouth shall not unreasonably deny or delay issuance of any license. The time frames for the issuance of the license shall be established pursuant to Section 7.2.

- 5.2 Provision of Records and Information to Licensee. In order to obtain information regarding facilities, Licensee shall make a written request to BellSouth, identifying with reasonable specificity the geographic area for which facilities are required, the types and quantities of the required facilities and the required in-service date. In response to such request, BellSouth shall provide Licensee with information regarding the types, quantity and location (which may be provided by provision of route maps) and availability of BellSouth poles, conduit and right-of-way located within the geographic area specified by Licensee. Provision of information under the terms of this section shall include the right of Licensee employees or agents to inspect and copy engineering records or drawings which pertain to those facilities within the geographic area identified in Licensee's request. Such inspection and copying shall be done at a time and place mutually agreed upon by the parties. See Appendix II for records location centers.
- 5.3 No Warranty of Record Information. Licensee acknowledges that records and information provided by BellSouth pursuant to paragraph 5.2 may not reflect field conditions and that physical inspection is necessary to verify presence and condition of outside plant facilities and right of way. In providing such records and information, BellSouth assumes no liability to Licensee or any third party for errors/omissions contained therein.
- 5.4 Determination of Availability. BellSouth shall provide pole, conduit and right-of-way availability information in response to a request from Licensee which identifies with reasonable specificity the facilities for which such information is desired. Licensee may elect to be present at any field based survey of facilities identified pursuant to this paragraph and BellSouth shall provide Licensee at least forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to initiating such field survey. Licensee employees or agents shall be permitted to enter BellSouth manholes and inspect such structures to confirm usability and/or evaluate condition of the structure(s) with at least forty-eight (48) hours notice to BellSouth, with a BellSouth representative present and at Licensee's expense.
6. **MAKE-READY WORK**
- 6.1 Work Performed by BellSouth. If performed by BellSouth, make-ready work to accommodate Licensee's facilities shall be included in the normal work load schedule of BellSouth with construction responsibilities in the geographic areas where the relevant poles or conduit systems are located and shall not be entitled to priority, advancement, or preference over other work to be performed by BellSouth in the ordinary course of BellSouth's business.
- 6.1.1 If Licensee desires make-ready work to be performed on an expedited basis and BellSouth agrees to perform the work on such a basis, BellSouth shall recalculate the estimated make-ready charges. If Licensee accepts BellSouth's offer, Licensee shall pay such additional charges.

- 6.2 All charges for make-ready work performed by BellSouth are payable in advance, with the amount of any such advance payment to be due within sixty (60) days after receipt of an invoice from BellSouth.
- 6.3 Work Performed by Certified Contractor. In lieu of obtaining performance of make-ready work by BellSouth, Licensee at its option may arrange for the performance of such work by a contractor certified by BellSouth to work on or in its facilities. Certification shall be granted based upon reasonable and customary criteria employed by BellSouth in the selection of its own contract labor. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, Licensee may not employ a contractor to accomplish make-ready work if BellSouth is likewise precluded from contractor selection under the terms of an applicable joint use agreement.
- 6.4 Completion of Make-Ready Work. BellSouth will issue a license to Licensee at the time all make-ready work necessary to Licensee's attachment or occupancy has been completed.
7. **APPLICATION FORM AND FEES**
- 7.1 Application Process. To apply for a license under this Section, Licensee shall submit to BellSouth two signed copies of an Application and Conduit Occupancy License form or an Application and Pole Attachment License form. BellSouth will process license applications in the order in which they are received; provided, however, that when Licensee has multiple applications on file with BellSouth, Licensee may designate its desired priority of completion of precense surveys and make-ready work with respect to all such applications.
- 7.1.1 Each application for a license under this Section shall specify the proposed route of Licensee's facilities and identify the conduits and ducts or poles and pole facilities along the proposed route in which Licensee desires to place or attach its facilities, and describe the physical size, weight and jacket material of the cable which Licensee desires to place in each conduit or duct or the number and type of cables, apparatus enclosures and other facilities which Licensee desires to attach to each pole.
- 7.1.2 Each application for a license under this Section shall be accompanied by a proposed (or estimated) construction schedule containing the information specified below in 10.1 of this Agreement, and an indication of whether Licensee will, at its option, perform its own make-ready work.

Multiple Cables, Multiple Services, Lashing or Placing Additional Cables, and Replacement of Facilities. Licensee may include multiple cables in a single license application and multiple services (e.g., CATV and non-CATV services) may be provided by Licensee in the same cable sheath. Licensee's lashing additional cable to existing facilities and placing additional cables in conduits or ducts already occupied by Licensee's facilities shall be permitted, and no additional fees will be applied; provided, however, that if Licensee desires to lash additional cable to existing facilities of a third party Licensee shall provide BellSouth with reasonable notice, and shall obtain written permission from the owner of the existing facilities. If BellSouth determines that the requested lashing would violate safety or engineering requirements, BellSouth shall provide written notice to Licensee within a reasonable time specifying in detail BellSouth's findings. If Licensee desires to place additional cables in conduits or ducts which are already occupied, or to replace existing facilities with new facilities substantially different from those described in licenses in effect, Licensee must apply for and acquire a new license specifically describing the physical size, weight and jacket material of the cable to be placed in BellSouth's conduits and ducts or the physical size, weight, and jacket type of cables and the size and weight of apparatus enclosures and other facilities to be attached to BellSouth poles.

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Each party hereby designates the employees named below as their single point of contact for any and all purposes of this Section, including, but not limited to, processing licenses and applications and providing records and information. Each party may at any time designate a new point of contact by giving written notice of such change.

		Notices	Billing Address
<i>To Licensee as follows:</i>			
Contact			
Title			
Company			
Address			
Address			
City, State, and Zip Code			
Telephone			
Facsimile			
<i>with a copy to:</i>			
<i>and to Licensor as follows:</i>			
Contact		John T. Chaucer	
Title		Specialist	
Company		BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	
Address		North W3D2	
Address		3535 Colonnade Parkway	
City, State, and Zip Code		Birmingham, AL 35243	
Telephone		(205) 977-2631	
Facsimile		(205) 977-7997	

- 8. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING PRELICENSE SURVEYS AND FIELD INSPECTIONS)**
- 8.1 Licensee's Priorities.** When Licensee has multiple applications on file with BellSouth, Licensee shall designate its desired priority of completion of prelicense surveys and make-ready work with respect to all such applications.
- 8.2 Prelicense Survey.** After Licensee has submitted its written application for a license, a prelicense survey (including a field inspection) will be performed by either party, in the company of a representative of the other party as mutually agreed, to determine whether BellSouth's poles, anchors and anchor/guy strands, or conduit system, in their present condition, can accommodate Licensee's facilities, without substantially interfering with the ability of BellSouth or any other authorized person or entity to use or access the pole, anchor or anchor/guy strand or any portion of BellSouth's conduit system or facilities attached to BellSouth's pole or placed within or connected to BellSouth's conduit system. If Licensee gives its prior written consent in writing, the determination of duct availability may include the "rodding" of ducts at Licensee's expense.
- 8.2.1** The purpose of the prelicense survey is to determine whether Licensee's proposed attachments to BellSouth's poles or occupancy of BellSouth's conduit and ducts will substantially interfere with use of BellSouth's facilities by BellSouth and others with facilities occupying, connected or attached to BellSouth's pole or conduit system; and to provide information to Licensee for its determination of whether the pole, anchor, anchor/guy strand, conduit, duct, or right-of-way is suitable for its use.
- 8.2.2** Based on information provided by BellSouth, Licensee shall determine whether BellSouth's pole, anchor, anchor/guy strand, conduit and duct facilities are suitable to meet Licensee's needs.
- 8.2.3** BellSouth may not unreasonably refuse to continue to process an application based on BellSouth's determination that Licensee's proposed use of BellSouth's facilities will not be in compliance with applicable requirements, specifications, rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws. Licensee shall be responsible for making its own, independent determination that its use of such facilities will be in compliance with such requirements, specifications, rules, regulations, ordinances and laws. Licensee acknowledges that BellSouth is not explicitly or implicitly warranting to Licensee that Licensee's proposed use of BellSouth's facilities will be in compliance with applicable requirements, specifications, rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws.

- 8.3 Administrative Processing. The administrative processing portion of the prelicense survey (which includes without limitation processing the application, preparing make-ready work orders, notifying joint users and other persons and entities of work requirements and schedules, coordinating the relocation/rearrangement of BellSouth and/or other licensed facilities) will be performed by BellSouth at Licensee's expense. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, BellSouth shall bear no responsibility for the relocation, rearrangement or removal of facilities used for the transmission or distribution of electric power.

9. **ISSUANCE OF LICENSES**

- 9.1 Obligation to Issue Licenses. BellSouth shall issue a license to Licensee pursuant to this Article 9. BellSouth and Licensee acknowledge that each application for a license shall be evaluated on an individual basis. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as abridging any independent pole attachment rights or conduit or duct access rights which Licensee may have under the provisions of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations governing access to BellSouth's poles, conduits and ducts, to the extent the same are not inconsistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Each license issued hereunder shall be for an indefinite term, subject to Licensee's compliance with the provisions applicable to such license and further subject to Licensee's right to terminate such license at any time for any reason upon at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice.

- 9.2 Multiple Applications. Licensee acknowledges that multiple parties including BellSouth may seek to place their facilities in BellSouth's conduit and ducts at or about the same time, that the make-ready work required to prepare BellSouth's facilities to accommodate multiple applicants may differ from the make-ready work required to accommodate a single applicant, that issues relating to the proper apportionment of costs arise in multi-applicant situations that do not arise in single-applicant situations, and that cooperation and negotiations between all applicants and BellSouth may be necessary to resolve disputes involving multiple applications for permission to place facilities in/on the same pole, conduit, duct, or right-of-way.

- 9.2.1 All applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

- 9.3 Agreement to Pay for All Make-Ready Work Completed. Licensee's submission of written authorization for make-ready work shall also constitute Licensee's agreement to pay additional cost-based charges, if any, for completed make-ready work.

- 9.4 Payments to Others for Expenses Incurred in Transferring or Arranging Their Facilities. Licensee shall make arrangements with the owners of other facilities located in or connected to BellSouth's conduit system or attached to BellSouth's poles, anchors or anchor/guy strands regarding reimbursement for any expenses incurred by them in transferring or rearranging their facilities to accommodate the placement or attachment of Licensee's facilities in or to BellSouth's structures.
- 9.5 Make-Ready Work on an Expedited Basis. If Licensee is willing to authorize BellSouth to perform make-ready work on an expedited basis, and if BellSouth agrees to perform the work on such a basis, BellSouth shall recalculate the estimated make-ready charges. If Licensee accepts BellSouth's offer, Licensee shall pay such additional charges, if any.
- 9.6 License. When Licensee's application for a pole attachment or conduit occupancy license is approved, and all required make-ready work completed, BellSouth will execute and return a signed authorization to Licensee, as appropriate, authorizing Licensee to attach or place the specified facilities on BellSouth's poles or in BellSouth's conduit or ducts.
- 9.6.1 Each license issued under this Section shall authorize Licensee to attach to BellSouth's poles or place or maintain in BellSouth's conduit or ducts only those facilities specifically described in the license, and no others.
- 9.6.2 Except as expressly stated to the contrary in individual licenses issued hereunder, each license issued pursuant to this Section shall incorporate all terms and conditions of this Section whether or not such terms or conditions are expressly incorporated by reference on the face of the license itself.
10. **CONSTRUCTION OF LICENSEE'S FACILITIES**
- 10.1 Construction Schedule. Licensee shall submit with Licensee's license application a proposed or estimated construction schedule. Promptly after the issuance of a license permitting Licensee to attach facilities to BellSouth's poles or place facilities in BellSouth's conduit or ducts, Licensee shall provide BellSouth with an updated construction schedule and shall thereafter keep BellSouth informed of significant anticipated changes in the construction schedule. Construction schedules required by this Section shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
- 10.1.1 The name, title, business address, and business telephone number of the manager responsible for construction of the facilities;
- 10.1.2 The names of each contractor and subcontractor which will be involved in the construction activities;
- 10.1.3 The estimated dates when construction will begin and end; and

- 10.1.4 The approximate dates when Licensee or persons acting on Licensee's behalf will be performing construction work in connection with the placement of Licensee's facilities in BellSouth's conduit or ducts.
- 10.2 Additional Pre-construction Procedures for Facilities Placed in Conduit System. The following procedures shall apply before Licensee places facilities in BellSouth's conduit system:
- 10.2.1 Licensee shall give written notice of the type of facilities which are to be placed; and
- 10.2.2 BellSouth shall designate the particular duct or ducts or inner ducts (if available) to be occupied by Licensee's facilities, the location and manner in which Licensee's facilities will enter and exit BellSouth's conduit system, and the specific location and manner of installation of any associated equipment which is permitted by BellSouth to occupy the conduit system. Licensee may not occupy a duct other than the specified duct without the express written consent of BellSouth. BellSouth shall provide to Licensee space in manholes for racking and storage of up to fifty (50) feet of cable, provided space is available.
- 10.3 BellSouth Not Responsible for Constructing or Placing Facilities. BellSouth shall have no obligation to construct any facilities for Licensee or to attach Licensee's facilities to, or place Licensee's facilities in, BellSouth's poles or conduit system, except as may be necessary to facilitate the interconnection of unbundled network elements or except to the extent expressly provided in this Section, any license issued hereunder, or by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or any other applicable law.
- 10.4 Licensee Responsible for Constructing, Attaching and Placing Facilities. Except where otherwise mutually agreed by Licensee and BellSouth, Licensee shall be responsible for constructing its own facilities and attaching those facilities to, or placing them in BellSouth's poles, conduit or ducts at Licensee's sole cost and expense. Licensee shall be solely responsible for paying all persons and entities who provide materials, labor, access to real or personal property, or other goods or services in connection with the construction and placement of Licensee's facilities and for directing the activities of all persons acting on Licensee's behalf while they are physically present on BellSouth's pole, in any part of BellSouth's conduit system or in the vicinity of BellSouth's poles or conduit system.
- 10.5 Compliance with Applicable Standards, Health and Safety Requirements, and Other Legal Requirements. Licensee shall construct its facilities in accordance with the provisions of this Section and all licenses issued hereunder.
- 10.5.1 Licensee shall construct, attach and place its facilities in compliance with all Requirements and Specifications set forth above in this Agreement.
- 10.5.2 Licensee shall satisfy all Legal Requirements set forth above in this Agreement.

- 10.5.3 Licensee shall not permit any person acting on Licensee's behalf to perform any work on BellSouth's poles or within BellSouth's conduit system without first verifying, to the extent practicable, on each date when such work is to be performed, that the condition of the pole or conduit system is suitable for the work to be performed. If Licensee or any person working on Licensee's behalf determines that the condition of the pole or conduit system is not suitable for the work to be performed, Licensee shall notify BellSouth of the condition of the pole or conduit system in question and shall not proceed with construction activities until Licensee is satisfied that the work can be safely performed.
- 10.6 Construction Notices. If requested to do so, Licensee shall provide BellSouth with information to reasonably assure BellSouth that construction has been performed in accordance with all applicable standards and requirements.
- 10.7 Points for Attachment. BellSouth shall specify, using the same selection criteria it uses for its own operating company, the point of attachment of each pole or anchor to be occupied by Licensee's facilities. When the facilities of more than one applicant are involved, BellSouth will attempt, to the extent practicable, to designate the same relative position on each pole or anchor for each applicant's facilities.
- 10.8 Manhole and Conduit Break-Outs. Licensee shall be permitted to add conduit ports to BellSouth manholes when existing conduits do not provide the pathway connectivity needed by Licensee; provided the structural integrity of the manhole is maintained, and sound engineering judgment is employed.
11. **USE AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF LICENSEE'S FACILITIES**
- 11.1 Use of Licensee's Facilities. Each license granted under this Section authorizes Licensee to have access to Licensee's facilities on or in BellSouth's poles, conduits and ducts as needed for the purpose of serving Licensee's customers, including, but not limited to, powering electronics, monitoring facilities, or transporting signaling.
- 11.2 Routine Maintenance of Licensee's Facilities. Each license granted under this Section authorizes Licensee to engage in routine maintenance of Licensee's facilities located on or in BellSouth's poles, conduits, ducts and ROW pursuant to such license. Licensee shall give reasonable notice to the affected public authority or private landowner as appropriate before commencing the construction or installation of its attachments or making any material alterations thereto. Licensee shall give reasonable notice to BellSouth before performing any work, whether or not of a routine nature, in BellSouth's conduit system.

- 11.3 Licensee Responsible for Maintenance of Licensee's Facilities. Licensee shall maintain its facilities in accordance with the provisions of this Section (including but not limited to all requirements set forth above in this Agreement) and all licenses issued hereunder. Licensee shall be solely responsible for paying all persons and entities who provide materials, labor, access to real or personal property, or other goods or services in connection with the maintenance of Licensee's facilities and for directing the activities of all persons acting on Licensee's behalf while they are physically present on BellSouth's poles, within BellSouth's conduit system or in the immediate vicinity of such poles or conduit system.
- 11.4 BellSouth Not Responsible for Maintaining Licensee's Facilities. BellSouth shall have no obligation to maintain any facilities which Licensee has attached or connected to, or placed in, BellSouth's poles, conduits, ducts or any portion of BellSouth's conduit system, except to the extent expressly provided by the provisions of this Section or any license issued hereunder, or by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or other applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- 11.5 Information Concerning the Maintenance of Licensee's Facilities. Promptly after the issuance of a license permitting Licensee to attach facilities to, or place facilities in BellSouth's poles, conduits or ducts, Licensee shall provide BellSouth with the name, title, business address, and business telephone number of the manager responsible for routine maintenance of Licensee's facilities, and shall thereafter notify BellSouth of changes to such information. The manager responsible for routine maintenance of Licensee's facilities shall, on BellSouth's request, identify any contractor, subcontractor, or other person performing maintenance activities on Licensee's behalf at a specified site and shall, on BellSouth's request, provide such additional documentation relating to the maintenance of Licensee's facilities as reasonably necessary to demonstrate that Licensee and all persons acting on Licensee's behalf are complying with the requirements of this Section and licenses issued hereunder.
- 11.6 Identification of Personnel Authorized to Have Access to Licensee's Facilities. All personnel authorized to have access to Licensee's facilities shall, while working on BellSouth's poles, in its conduit system or ducts or in the vicinity of such poles, ducts or conduit systems, carry with them suitable identification and shall, upon the request of any BellSouth employee, produce such identification.

- 12. MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT OF LICENSEE'S FACILITIES**
- 12.1 Notification of Planned Modification or Replacement of Facilities.** Licensee shall, when practicable, notify BellSouth in writing at least 60 days before adding to, relocating, replacing or otherwise modifying its facilities attached to a BellSouth pole, anchor or anchor/guy strand or located in any BellSouth conduit or duct. The notice shall contain sufficient information to enable BellSouth to determine whether the proposed addition, relocation, replacement, or modification is permitted under Licensee's present license or requires a new or amended license.
- 12.2 New or Amended License Required.** A new or amended license will be required if the proposed addition, relocation, replacement, or modification:
- 12.2.1** Requires that Licensee use additional space on BellSouth's poles or in its conduits or ducts (including but not limited to any additional ducts, inner ducts, or substantial space in any handhole or manhole) on either a temporary or permanent basis; or
- 12.2.2** Results in the size or location of Licensee's facilities on BellSouth's poles or in its conduit or ducts being appreciably different from those described and authorized in Licensee's present license (e.g. different duct or size increase causing a need to re-calculate storm loadings, guying, or pole class).
- 13. REARRANGEMENT OF FACILITIES AT THE REQUEST OF ANOTHER**
- 13.1 Make-Ready Work at the Request of Licensee.** If, prior to the issuance of a license, Licensee determines that any pole, anchor, anchor/guy strand, conduit or duct is inadequate to accommodate Licensee's proposed pole attachment or conduit occupancy or that it will be necessary or desirable for BellSouth or any other person or entity to rearrange existing facilities or structures to accommodate Licensee, Licensee shall promptly advise BellSouth of the make-ready work it believes necessary to enable the accommodation of Licensee's facilities.
- 13.1.1** BellSouth shall determine, in the exercise of sound engineering judgment, whether or what make-ready work is necessary or possible. In determining whether make-ready work is necessary or what make-ready work is necessary, BellSouth shall endeavor to minimize its costs to Licensee. If it is determined that such make-ready work is required, BellSouth shall provide Licensee with the estimated costs for make-ready work and a Make Ready Due Date.

- 13.1.2 Licensee shall be solely responsible for negotiating with persons or entities other than BellSouth for the rearrangement of such persons' or entities' facilities or structures and, except where such rearrangement is for the benefit of BellSouth and/or other licensees as well as Licensee, shall be solely responsible for paying all charges attributable to the rearrangement of such facilities; provided, however, that if facilities rearrangements require new licenses from BellSouth, BellSouth shall issue such licenses in conjunction with the issuance of the applied-for license to Licensee.
- 13.2 Rearrangement of Licensee's Facilities at BellSouth's Request. Licensee acknowledges that, from time to time, it may be necessary or desirable for BellSouth to change out poles, relocate, reconstruct, or modify portions of its conduit system or rearrange facilities contained therein or connected thereto and that such changes may be necessitated by BellSouth's business needs or authorized application of another entity seeking access to BellSouth's poles or conduit systems. Licensee agrees that Licensee will, upon BellSouth's request, and at BellSouth's expense, but at no cost to Licensee, participate with BellSouth (and other licensees) in the relocation, reconstruction, or modification of BellSouth's conduit system or facilities rearrangement. Licensee acknowledges that, from time to time, it may be necessary or desirable for BellSouth to change out poles, relocate, reconstruct, or modify portions of its conduit system or rearrange facilities contained therein or connected thereto as a result of an order by a municipality or other governmental authority. Licensee shall, upon BellSouth's request, participate with BellSouth (and other licensees) in the relocation, reconstruction, or modification of BellSouth's conduit system or facilities rearrangement and pay its proportionate share of any costs of such relocation, reconstruction, or modification that are not reimbursed by such municipality or governmental authority.
- 13.2.1 Licensee shall make all rearrangements of its facilities within such period of time as is jointly deemed reasonable by the parties based on the amount of rearrangements necessary and a desire to minimize chances for service interruption or facility-based service denial to a Licensee customer.
- 13.2.2 If Licensee fails to make the required rearrangements within the time prescribed or within such extended periods of time as may be granted by BellSouth in writing, BellSouth may perform such rearrangements with written notice to Licensee, and Licensee shall reimburse BellSouth for actual costs and expenses incurred by BellSouth in connection with the rearrangement of Licensee's facilities; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section or any license issued hereunder shall be construed as requiring Licensee to bear any expenses which, under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or other applicable federal or state laws or regulations, are to be allocated to persons or entities other than Licensee; and provided further, however, that Licensee shall have no responsibility for rearrangement costs and expenses relating to rearrangements performed for the purpose of meeting BellSouth's business needs.

14. EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND POLE REPLACEMENTS

- 14.1 Licensee Responsible for Emergency Repairs to its Own Facilities.** In general, Licensee shall be responsible for making emergency repairs to its own facilities and for formulating appropriate plans and practices which will enable it to make such emergency repairs. BellSouth shall be under no obligation to perform any repair or service restoration work of any kind with respect to Licensee's facilities.

15. INSPECTION BY BELL SOUTH OF LICENSEE'S FACILITIES

- 15.1 BellSouth's Right to Make Periodic or Spot Inspections.** BellSouth shall have the right to make periodic or spot inspections at any time of any part of Licensee's facilities attached to BellSouth's poles, anchors or anchor/guy strands or occupying any BellSouth conduit or duct for the limited purpose of determining whether Licensee's facilities are in compliance with the terms of this Section and licenses hereunder; provided that such inspections must be non-invasive (e.g., no splice cases may be opened).
- 15.1.1** BellSouth will give Licensee advance written notice of such inspections, and Licensee shall have the right to have a representative attend such inspections, except in those instances where safety considerations justify the need for such inspection without the delay of waiting until written notice has been forwarded to Licensee.
- 15.1.2** Such inspections shall be conducted at BellSouth's expense; provided, however, that Licensee shall bear the cost of inspections as delineated in 3.12.
- 15.2 No Duty to Licensee.** Neither the act of inspection by BellSouth of Licensee's facilities nor any failure to inspect such facilities shall operate to impose on BellSouth any liability of any kind whatsoever or to relieve Licensee of any responsibility, obligations or liability under this Section or otherwise existing.

16. NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE

- 16.1 Notice of Noncompliance.** If, at any time, BellSouth determines that Licensee's facilities or any part thereof have not been placed or maintained or are not being used in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, BellSouth may send written notice to Licensee specifying the alleged noncompliance. Licensee agrees to acknowledge receipt of the notice as soon as practicable. If Licensee does not dispute BellSouth's assertion that such facilities are not in compliance, Licensee agrees to provide BellSouth with a schedule for bringing such facilities into compliance, to bring the facilities into compliance within a reasonable time, and to notify BellSouth in writing when the facilities have been brought into compliance.
- 16.2 Disputes over Alleged Noncompliance.** If Licensee disputes BellSouth's assertion that Licensee's facilities are not in compliance, Licensee shall notify BellSouth in writing of the basis for Licensee's assertion that its facilities are in compliance.
- 16.3 Failure to Bring Facilities into Compliance.** If Licensee has not brought the facilities into compliance within a reasonable time or provided BellSouth with proof sufficient to persuade BellSouth that BellSouth erred in asserting that the facilities were not in compliance, and if BellSouth determines in good faith that the alleged noncompliance causes or is likely to cause material damage to BellSouth's facilities or those of other users, BellSouth may, at its option and Licensee's expense, take such non-service affecting steps as may be required to bring Licensee's facilities into compliance, including but not limited to correcting any conditions which do not meet the specifications of this Agreement.
- 16.4 Correction of Conditions by BellSouth.** If BellSouth elects to bring Licensee's facilities into compliance, the provisions of this Section shall apply.
- 16.4.1** BellSouth will, whenever practicable, notify Licensee in writing before performing such work. The written notice shall describe the nature of the work to be performed and BellSouth's schedule for performing the work.
- 16.4.2** If Licensee's facilities have become detached or partially detached from supporting racks or wall supports located within a BellSouth manhole, BellSouth may, at Licensee's expense, reattach them but shall not be obligated to do so. If BellSouth does not reattach Licensee's facilities, BellSouth shall endeavor to arrange with Licensee for the reattachment of any facilities affected.
- 16.4.3** BellSouth shall, as soon as practicable after performing the work, advise Licensee in writing of the work performed or action taken. Upon receiving such notice, Licensee shall inspect the facilities and take such steps as Licensee may deem necessary to insure that the facilities meet Licensee's performance requirements.

- 16.5 **Licensee to Bear Expenses.** Licensee shall bear all expenses arising out of or in connection with any work performed to bring Licensee's facilities into compliance with this Section; provided, however that nothing contained in this Section or any license issued hereunder shall be construed as requiring Licensee to bear any expenses which, under applicable federal or state laws or regulations, must be borne by persons or entities other than Licensee.
17. **UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANCY OR UTILIZATION OF BELL SOUTH'S FACILITIES**
- 17.1 **Licensing or Removal of Unauthorized Attachments.** If any of Licensee's attachments shall be found attached to pole(s) or occupying conduit systems for which no license is outstanding, BellSouth, without prejudice to its other rights or remedies under this Agreement, including termination of licenses, may impose a charge and require Licensee to submit in writing, within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification from BellSouth of the unauthorized attachment or conduit occupancy, a pole attachment or conduit occupancy license application. If such application is not received by BellSouth within the specified time period, Licensee may be required at BellSouth's option to remove its unauthorized attachment or occupancy within sixty (60) days of the final date for submitting the required application, or BellSouth may at BellSouth's option remove Licensee's facilities without liability, and the expense of such removal shall be borne by Licensee. Charges for any such unauthorized occupancy shall be equal to the applicable license fees and charges which would have been payable from and after the date such facilities were first placed on BellSouth's poles or in BellSouth's conduit system, if Licensee provides reasonable documentation of such placement. If Licensee is unable to provide such reasonable documentation, then Licensee will pay two years worth of the applicable charges.
- 17.1.1 Nothing contained in the Agreement or any license issued hereunder shall be construed as requiring Licensee to bear any expenses which, under applicable federal or state laws or regulations, must be borne by persons or entities other than Licensee.
- 17.2 **Prompt Payment of Applicable Fees and Charges.** Fees and charges for pole attachments and conduit system occupancies, as specified herein and as modified from time to time, shall be due and payable immediately whether or not Licensee is permitted to continue the pole attachment or conduit occupancy. See Appendix I for applicable annual rental fees.

- 17.3 **No Implied Waiver or Ratification of Unauthorized Use.** No act or failure to act by BellSouth with regard to said unlicensed use shall be deemed as a ratification of the unlicensed use; and if any license should be subsequently issued, said license shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by BellSouth of any of its rights or privileges under this Agreement or otherwise; provided, however, that Licensee shall be subject to all liabilities, obligations and responsibilities of this Agreement in regard to said unauthorized use from its inception.

18. REMOVAL OF LICENSEE'S FACILITIES

- 18.1 **Pole Attachments.** Licensee, at its expense, will remove its attachments from any of BellSouth's poles within thirty (30) days after termination of the license covering such attachments. If Licensee fails to remove its attachments within such thirty (30) day period, BellSouth shall have the right to remove such attachments at Licensee's expense and without any liability on the part of BellSouth for damage or injury to Licensee's attachments unless caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of BellSouth.
- 18.2 **Conduit Occupancy.** Licensee, at its expense, will remove its communications facilities from a conduit system within sixty (60) days after:
- 18.2.1 Termination of the license covering such conduit occupancy; or
- 18.2.2 The date Licensee replaces its existing facilities in one duct with substitute facilities in another duct.
- 18.2.3 If Licensee fails to remove its facilities within the specified period, BellSouth shall have the right to remove such facilities at Licensee's expense and without any liability on the part of BellSouth for damage or injury to such facilities unless caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of BellSouth.
- 18.3 **Continuing Responsibility for Fees and Charges.** Licensee shall remain liable for and pay to BellSouth all fees and charges pursuant to provisions of this Agreement until all of Licensee's facilities are physically removed from BellSouth's poles or conduit system.

19. FEES, CHARGES, AND BILLING

- 19.1 **License Charges.** License charges commence on the first day of the calendar month following the date a license is issued. Such charges cease as of the final day of the calendar month preceding the month in which the attachment or occupancy is physically removed or the utilization is discontinued. A one-month minimum charge is applicable to all licenses.

- 19.2 ~~Notice of Rate and Computation of Charges.~~ On or about November 1 of each year, BellSouth will notify Licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the rental rate and pole transfer rate to be applied in the subsequent calendar year. The letter of notification shall be incorporated in, and governed by, the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Attachment and occupancy rates shall be applied to the number of pole(s) and duct feet of conduit for which licenses have been issued before December 1 of each calendar year. Charges for attachment(s) and occupancy which commenced during the preceding twelve (12) month period will be prorated accordingly.
20. **ADVANCE PAYMENT AND IMPUTATION**
- 20.1 ~~Attachment and Occupancy Fees.~~ Fees for pole attachment and conduit occupancy shall be based on the facilities for which licenses have been issued as of the date of billing by BellSouth, shall be computed as set forth herein.
- 20.1.1 Charges associated with newly licensed attachments or occupancies and other attachments or occupancies of less than the entire annual billing period shall be prorated.
- 20.1.2 Charges shall be prorated retroactively in the event of the removal of Licensee's facilities.
- 20.1.3 The amount of any advance payment required shall be due within sixty (60) days after receipt of an invoice from BellSouth.
- 20.2 **Imputation.** BellSouth shall impute to its costs of providing telecommunications services (and charge any affiliate, subsidiary, or associate company engaged in the provision of such services) an equal amount to the charges set forth in this Section for all of the conduits, ducts, and poles it occupies and uses.
21. **ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT**
- 21.1 ~~Necessity and Level of Security.~~ In the event Licensee fails to demonstrate credit worthiness, Licensee may be required to furnish a bond, letter of credit or other evidence of financial security having a minimum face amount of \$10,000.00 per state or \$50,000.00 per region. Such bond, letter of credit or other security shall be in a form satisfactory to BellSouth and may be increased from time to time as reasonably required by BellSouth to guarantee the performance of all obligations of Licensee hereunder. The amount of the bond, letter of credit or other security shall not operate as a limitation upon the obligations of Licensee hereunder.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1** Licensee shall obtain and maintain insurance (or provide written evidence of being self-insured), including endorsements insuring the contractual liability and indemnification provisions of this Agreement, issued by an insurance carrier reasonably satisfactory to Licensor to protect the Licensor, other authorized Licensees, and Joint User(s) from and against all claims demands, causes of action, judgments, costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities of every kind and nature which may arise or result, directly or indirectly from or by reason of such loss, injury or damage as covered in this Agreement including Article XIV preceding.
- 22.2** Licensee shall maintain the following amounts of insurance in compliance with (22.1) above:
- 22.2.1** Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.
- 22.2.2** Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$10,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate.
- 22.3** Licensee shall submit to Licensor certificates by each company insuring Licensee with respect to any insurance required hereunder, such certificate(s) to specify the coverage provided and that such company will not cancel or change any such policy of insurance issued to Licensee except after sixty (60) days written notice to Licensor.
- 22.4** Licensee shall also carry such insurance as will protect it from all claims under any Worker's Compensation Law in effect that may be applicable to it as a result of work performed pursuant to this Agreement.
- 22.5** All insurance required in accordance with 22.2) and 22.3) preceding must be effective before Licensor will authorize attachment to a Pole and/or Anchor, or occupancy of a Conduit System and shall remain in force until such Licensee's facilities have been removed from all such Pole(s), Anchor(s), Conduit System, or Right of Way. In the event that the Licensee shall fail to maintain the required insurance coverage, Licensor may pay any premium thereon falling due, and the Licensee shall forthwith reimburse the Licensor for any such premium paid.
- 22.6** Licensee may self-insure any or all of the insurance coverages required in the Agreement.

23. AUTHORIZATION NOT EXCLUSIVE

- 23.1** Nothing herein contained shall be construed as a grant of any exclusive authorization, right or privilege to Licensee. BellSouth shall have the right to grant, renew and extend rights and privileges to others not parties to this Agreement, by contract or otherwise, to use any Pole, Anchor, or Conduit System covered by this Agreement and Licensee's rights hereunder.

24. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

24.1 Licensee shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or any license or any authorization granted under this Agreement, and this Agreement shall not inure to the benefit of Licensee's successors or assigns, without the prior written consent of BellSouth. BellSouth shall not unreasonably withhold such consent.

24.2 In the event such consent or consents are granted by BellSouth, then the provisions of this Agreement shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Licensee. Form NT-13 shall be used for this purpose.

25. FAILURE TO ENFORCE

25.1 Failure of BellSouth to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or to give notice or declare this Agreement or any authorization granted hereunder terminated shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any term or condition of this Agreement, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

26. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Agreement shall continue in effect for a term of one (1) year from the date hereof and thereafter from year to year until either party hereto terminates this Agreement by giving the other party at least ninety (90) days prior written notice thereof. Such ninety (90) days notice of termination may be given to take effect at the end of the original one (1) year period or any time thereafter.

26.1 Termination of this Agreement or any licenses issued hereunder shall not affect Licensee's liabilities and obligations incurred hereunder prior to the effective date of such termination.

27. SUPERSEDURE OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT(S)

- 27.1** This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral, between BellSouth and Licensee for attachment and maintenance of Licensee's Communications Facilities on Pole(s), Anchor(s), and in Conduit Systems within the geographical area covered by this Agreement; and there are no other provisions, terms or conditions to this Agreement except as expressed herein. All currently effective licenses heretofore granted pursuant to such previous agreements shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement in duplicate on the day and year written below.

«licensee»

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Name of Licensee

Name of Licensor

By:

By:

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

John R. Gunter

Printed Name

Printed Title

Vice President NSP&S

Printed Title

Date

Date

APPENDIX I

1997 Fees

(Re-calculated annually)

Licensee shall pay to Licensor the following fees:

State	Poles (ea. / yr.)	Anchors (ea. / yr.)	Conduit	
				(\$ / ft. / yr.)

Pole Attachment Transfer Rate

Per pole (throughout BellSouth region)

\$41.00

- i) For the purpose of determining the Duct feet chargeable, the Duct considered occupied shall be measured from the center to center of adjacent Manhole(s), or from the center of a Manhole to the end of a Duct not terminated in a Manhole.
- ii) The above rates are not applicable for crossings of any navigable waterway. Rates for navigable waterway crossings will be calculated on an individual case basis.

Appendix II

Records Maintenance Centers

For Alabama plant and right of way records:

**Records Maintenance Center
S04
1876 Data Drive
Birmingham, AL 35244**

For Kentucky plant and right of way records:

**Records Maintenance Center
Room 2-SW
601 W. Chestnut Street
Louisville, KY 40203**

For Louisiana plant and right of way records:

**Records Maintenance Center
2nd Floor North
6767 Bundy Road
New Orleans, LA 70140**

For Mississippi plant and right of way records:

**Records Maintenance Center
5723 Hwy. 18 S
Jackson, MS 39209**

For Tennessee plant and right of way records:

**Records Maintenance Center
Room 9 B 15
333 Commerce Street
Nashville, TN 37201**

For Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina:

Plant Records

**Records Maintenance Center
5228 Central Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28212**

Right of Way Records

**Regional Landbase Admin. Center
Attn.: Right of Way Records
16 GG 1 BST
301 W. Bay Street
Jacksonville, FL 32201**